

3 cities may pay less for I-10 widening

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Three Southwest Valley cities that committed \$2.7 million to widen Interstate 10 three years ahead of schedule may not have to pony up the money after all.

Goodyear, Avondale and Litchfield Park last year agreed to pay part of the project's interest costs after weeks of bickering over how to split up the obligation.

But interest rates today are lower than last year's estimates. That means the interest costs might be a fraction of what was expected.

"Things look good, but it's too early to say the city won't have to pay anything," said Mario Saldamando, Goodyear management assistant.

Avondale City Manager Charlie McClendon said it appears his city's obligation will be lower than expected, although it's premature to assume it won't owe anything.

"This news comes at a very significant time for small cities such as Avondale, when revenues are down due to the economy," he said.

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